

SB 318 by Stargel; (Similar to H 0115) Public Meetings/University Direct-support Organization

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION
Senator Legg, Chair
Senator Montford, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 8, 2014

TIME: 1:00 —3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Legg, Chair; Senator Montford, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Brandes, Bullard, Galvano, Sachs, Simmons, and Stargel

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 318 Stargel (Similar H 115)	Public Meetings/University Direct-support Organization; Providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any portion of a meeting of the board of directors of a university direct-support organization, or of the executive committee or other committees of such board, at which the identity of a donor or prospective donor, a proposal seeking research funding from the organization, or a plan or program for initiating or supporting research is discussed; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. ED 01/08/2014 Favorable GO RC	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0
2	Presentation on the Status of School Accountability Activities by Pam Stewart, Florida Commissioner of Education: - Academic Standards - Assessments - School and District Grading - Educator Performance Evaluations		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Education

BILL: SB 318

INTRODUCER: Senator Stargel

SUBJECT: Public Meetings/University Direct-support Organization

DATE: January 7, 2014

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Graf	Klebacha	ED	Favorable
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3.			RC	

I. Summary:

SB 318 exempts portions of meetings of university direct-support organizations (DSO) from public meeting laws when confidential information and documents are discussed.

Specifically, the bill exempts from public meetings requirements a portion of a meeting of a university DSO board of directors, or the board's executive committee or other committees of the board, at which information or documents related to donors and prospective donors, funding proposals, or research plans or programs are discussed.

The bill provides for repeal of the public meetings exemption pursuant to the Open Government Sunset Review Act on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature. Additionally, the bill provides a statement of public necessity justifying the exemption as required by the Florida Constitution.

Because the bill creates a public meeting exemption, it requires a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting in each house of the Legislature for final passage.

The effective date of the bill is October 1, 2014.

II. Present Situation:

Public records and meetings law

Article I, s. 24(a) of the Florida Constitution sets forth the state law regarding access to public records. Every person has the right to inspect or copy any public record made or received in

connection with the official business of any public body, officer, or employee of the state, or persons acting on their behalf.¹

Article I, s. 24(b) of the Florida Constitution sets forth the state law regarding access to public meetings. All meetings of any collegial public body of the executive branch of state government or of local governments, school districts, or special districts, at which public business of such body is transacted or discussed must be open and noticed to the public. Meetings of the Legislature must also be open and noticed to the public.²

Current law also requires all meetings of any board or commission of any agency or authority of the state or of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision at which official acts are to be taken are declared to be public meetings. Such meetings must be open to the public at all times and that no resolution, rule, or formal action is binding except as taken or made at an open meeting. The board or commission is responsible for providing reasonable notice of all such meetings.³

However, the Legislature has the authority to exempt records and meetings from the requirements of Article I, s. 24(a) and (b) of the Florida Constitution. The Legislature may provide by general law passed by a two-thirds vote of each house for the exemption of records and meetings. The general law must state with specificity the public necessity justifying the exemption (public necessity statement) and must be no broader than necessary to accomplish its purpose.⁴

Pursuant to the Open Government Sunset Review Act, in the 5th year after enactment of a new exemption or substantial amendment of an existing exemption, the exemption must be repealed on October 2 of the fifth year, unless the Legislature acts to reenact the exemption.⁵

University direct-support organizations

A university direct-support organization (DSO) is a Florida not-for-profit corporation which is organized and operated exclusively to receive, hold, invest, and administer property and to make expenditures to or for the benefit of a state university.⁶ In addition, a university DSO may also be operated for the benefit of a research and development park or research and development authority affiliated with a state university. The DSO must be certified by a state university board of trustees to operate in a manner consistent with the goals of the university and in the best interest of the state.⁷ DSOs assist the state universities “achieve excellence by providing supplemental resources from private gifts and bequests, and valuable education support services.”⁸

¹ Art. I, s. 24(a), Fla. Const.

² Art. I, s. 24(b), Fla. Const.

³ Section 286.011(1), F.S.

⁴ Art. I, s. 24(c), Fla. Const.

⁵ Section 119.15(1)-(3), F.S.

⁶ Section 1004.28(1)(a)1.-2., F.S.

⁷ Section 1004.28(1)(a)2.-3., F.S.

⁸ Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida, *State University System of Florida Consolidated Financial Statements* (Fiscal Year June, 30, 2010), at 10, available at <http://flbog.edu/about/budget/docs/2012-SUS-Consolidated-Financial-Statement-Manual.pdf>.

State universities are considered agencies of the state. As a result, state universities are subject to public records and public meetings laws.⁹ DSO boards are also subject to public records and public meetings laws.¹⁰

A university DSO must provide for an annual financial audit of the organization's accounts and records which must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant pursuant to rules adopted by the Auditor General in accordance with current law¹¹ and by the university board of trustees.¹²

Current law provides a public records exemption for the identity of a donor who desires to remain anonymous and for all records of a university DSO *except* any:¹³

- Audit report prepared by the independent auditor during the annual audit process under current law;¹⁴
- Management letter; or
- Supplemental data requested by the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida (Florida Board of Governors), the university's board of trustees, the Auditor General, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

Therefore, all other records are confidential and exempt from public records requirements.

Current law does not provide a comparable public meetings exemption for a portion of a university DSO meeting at which confidential and exempt information is discussed.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 318 creates a public meetings exemption for a portion of a meeting of the university DSO board of directors, or the board's executive committee or other committees of the board, at which any the following is discussed:

- Identity of a donor or a prospective donor;
- A proposal seeking research funding from the DSO; or
- A plan or program for either initiating or supporting research.

The bill provides a statement of public necessity, as required by the Florida Constitution, and establishes October 2, 2019 as the date for repeal of the public meetings exemption, unless the

⁹ Chapters 119 and 286, F.S. *See Wood v. Marston*, 442 So. 2d 934, 938 (Fla. 1983) (holding that a University of Florida screening committee was subject to Florida's Sunshine Law).

¹⁰ Section 1004.28, F.S.; *see also Palm Beach Community College Foundation, INC., v. WFTV, INC.*, 611 So.2nd 588 (4th DCA 1993); Op. Att'y Gen. Fla. 05-27 (2005); Op. Att'y Gen. Fla. 92-53 (1992) (providing that John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art Foundation, Inc., established pursuant to statute as a not-for-profit corporation to assist the museum in carrying out its functions by raising funds for the museum, is subject to Sunshine Law by virtue of its substantial ties with the museum).

¹¹ Section 11.45(8), F.S.

¹² Section 1004.28(5), F.S.

¹³ Section 1004.28(5), F.S.

¹⁴ Section 1004.28(5), F.S.

exemption is reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature, pursuant to the Open Government Sunset Review Act.

The bill's effective date is October 1, 2014.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

Vote Requirement

Article I, s. 24(c) of the Florida Constitution requires a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting for final passage of a newly created public records or public meetings exemption. This bill creates a new public meetings exemption; therefore, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Public Necessity Statement

Article I, s. 24(c) of the Florida Constitution requires a bill creating a new public records or public meetings exemption to contain a public necessity statement justifying the exemption. This bill creates a new public meetings exemption; therefore, it includes a public necessity statement.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

The Florida Board of Governors reported that if a state university receives funding for a research project or program from both state and private sources, it may be challenging to determine if the exemption from public meetings will apply.¹⁵

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 1004.28.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

¹⁵ Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida, *2014 Agency Bill Analysis for SB 318* (Nov. 20, 2013), at 2.

By Senator Stargel

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public meetings; amending s. 1004.28, F.S.; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any portion of a meeting of the board of directors of a university direct-support organization, or of the executive committee or other committees of such board, at which the identity of a donor or prospective donor, a proposal seeking research funding from the organization, or a plan or program for initiating or supporting research is discussed; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 1004.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.28 Direct-support organizations; use of property; board of directors; activities; audit; facilities.—

(5) ANNUAL AUDIT; PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION; PUBLIC MEETINGS EXEMPTION.—

(a) Each university direct-support organization shall provide for an annual financial audit of its accounts and records to be conducted by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with rules adopted by the Auditor General pursuant to s. 11.45(8) and by the university board of trustees. The annual audit report shall be submitted, within 9

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months after the end of the fiscal year, to the Auditor General and the Board of Governors for review. The Board of Governors, the university board of trustees, the Auditor General, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability ~~may shall have the authority to~~ require and receive from the organization or from its independent auditor any records relative to the operation of the organization. The identity of donors who desire to remain anonymous shall be protected, and that anonymity shall be maintained in the auditor's report.

(b) All records of the university direct-support organization other than the auditor's report, management letter, and any supplemental data requested by the Board of Governors, the university board of trustees, the Auditor General, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall be confidential and exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ s. 119.07(1).

(c) Any portion of a meeting of the board of directors of the university direct-support organization, or of the executive committee or other committees of such board, at which the identity of a donor or prospective donor, a proposal seeking research funding from the organization, or a plan or program for initiating or supporting research is discussed is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that any portion of a meeting of the board of

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59 directors of a university direct-support organization
 60 established under s. 1004.28, Florida Statutes, or of the
 61 executive committee or other committees of such board, at which
 62 the identity of a donor or prospective donor, a proposal seeking
 63 research funding from the organization, or a plan or program for
 64 initiating or supporting research is discussed be exempt from s.
 65 286.011, Florida Statutes, and s. 24(b), Article I of the State
 66 Constitution.

67 (2) For the benefit of state universities and ultimately
 68 all the people of Florida, university direct-support
 69 organizations serve a vital role in raising donations from
 70 private sources. This undertaking demands great sensitivity and
 71 discretion, as donors frequently request anonymity and are
 72 concerned about the potential release of sensitive financial
 73 information. If a direct-support organization cannot honor those
 74 requests and protect such information from public disclosure, a
 75 potential donor may decline to contribute, thus hampering the
 76 ability of the direct-support organization to carry out its
 77 activities. The state has recognized these realities by making
 78 most of the records of direct-support organizations confidential
 79 and exempt from public records requirements, including the
 80 identity of donors and prospective donors. However, without the
 81 exemption from public meeting requirements, release of the
 82 identity of donors or prospective donors via a public meeting
 83 would defeat the purpose of the public records exemption.

84 (3) The Legislature also finds that the resources raised by
 85 university direct-support organizations are frequently used to
 86 initiate, develop, and fund plans and programs for research,
 87 including university-connected research projects that provide

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88 valuable opportunities for faculty and students and may lead to
 89 future commercial applications. Raising these resources for
 90 research projects requires university direct-support
 91 organizations to develop research strategies and evaluate
 92 proposals for research grants which routinely contain sensitive
 93 or proprietary information, including specific research
 94 approaches and areas of investigation, the disclosure of which
 95 could affect the integrity of those conducting the research. The
 96 ability to retain the confidentiality of research strategies,
 97 plans, and proposals is a hallmark of a responsible funding
 98 process and assures candid exchanges among peer and technical
 99 reviewers as practiced by the National Science Foundation and
 100 the National Institutes of Health. The state has recognized
 101 these realities by expressly making most of the records of the
 102 direct-support organizations in this state confidential and
 103 exempt from public records requirements, including proposals
 104 seeking research funding. Failure to close a meeting during
 105 which research strategies, plans, and proposals are discussed
 106 would significantly undermine the confidentiality of the
 107 strategies, plans, and proposals. Without the exemption from
 108 public meeting requirements, the release during a public meeting
 109 of a proposal seeking research funding from a university direct-
 110 support organization or of a plan or program for initiating or
 111 supporting research would defeat the purpose of the public
 112 records exemption.

113 (4) The Legislature therefore declares that it is a public
 114 necessity that any portion of a meeting of the board of
 115 directors of a university direct-support organization, or of the
 116 executive committee or other committees of such board, at which

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117 the identity of a donor or prospective donor, a proposal seeking
118 research funding from the organization, or a plan or program for
119 initiating or supporting research is discussed be exempt from
120 public meeting requirements.

121 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Proposed Florida Education Plan for 2014-2016

**Senate Education
January 8, 2014**

**Pam Stewart
Commissioner of Education**

Overview

❖ Background

- Governor's Summit
- Governor's Executive Order

❖ Standards

- Public review

❖ Assessment

- Selection of a new assessment

❖ School Accountability

- Provide clarity, simplicity and truth in advertising

❖ Teacher Evaluation

- Ensure sustainability and align with school accountability

❖ Data Security

- Ensure protection of student data

Governor's Education Accountability Summit

Purpose

To provide an open opportunity to discuss ideas and options to continue improving Florida's public school system

- Three day event - August 26 – 28
- Focus on four strategic priorities
- Included a variety of Education partners and stakeholders
- Participant input was made available to the public
- Summative statements from participants helped to formulate the subsequent Governor's Executive Order

Governor's Executive Order (13-276)

Associated Documents

❖ Standards

- Initiate process for public input
- Reject federal mandates related to curriculum, assessments or instructional materials
- Reject adoption of standards text exemplars

❖ State Standards Assessments

- Establish an open process to procure Florida's next assessment via competitive solicitation
- Terminate Florida's role as fiscal agent for Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)

Governor's Executive Order (13-276) and Associated Documents

❖ School Accountability System

- Recommendations to provide stability and clarity with the transition to a new assessment
- Pursue Florida's course of action regarding English Language Learners (ELL) in the ESEA waiver
- Recommendations to ensure the accountability system is fair and transparent and promotes improvement in student outcomes

❖ Teacher Evaluation

- Propose a plan to ensure successful implementation of teacher evaluations

❖ Student Data Security

- Conduct a student data security review
- Ensure adequate protections
- Recommend legislative changes

Standards

- Public input specifically requested by Governor Scott
 - Three public hearings - Tampa, Davie, Tallahassee
 - 922 comments from 115 speakers during 13 hours of testimony
- Additional input
 - Email and website submissions for full month
 - 1,678 email comments from 683 constituents
 - 19,422 website comments from 1,681 constituents

Standards

Timeline for review and revision of Standards based on public and educator input

- Third party report – December 31
- Expert panel review – conducted December 18-21
 - Consists of Florida Educators at the school, district and postsecondary levels
- Publicly notice standards revisions for SBOE consideration
- Re-open web site for additional public comments (stays open until February SBOE meeting)
- Additional Public hearings on rule revisions – January 14
- Status presentation on public comments to SBOE at January meeting
- SBOE considers adoption of new standards at February meeting

Assessment

Executive Order and Associated Documents

- Issue a competitive solicitation to select an assessment aligned to Florida's adopted standards
- Terminate fiscal agent relationship PARCC
 - Transfer to State of Maryland complete as of December 31st★

Assessment

Timeline to complete selection of the best assessment for Florida

- **Competitive Procurement:**
 - Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) issued – Oct. 25
 - ITN closed – Dec. 16th
 - Five applications received
 - Review of applications underway
 - Negotiations with eligible applicants follows
- Commissioner makes assessment decision in March

Assessment

- Key considerations from the Executive Order
 - Provides timely and informative reports of results
 - Includes costs that are in line with current assessment costs
 - Ensures that testing time for students is not significantly different from current assessments
 - Provides for summative assessments to occur as close as possible to the end of the school year
 - Measures student mastery of the standards taught, including comparability to other states
 - Includes test quality metrics that are as rigorous as current assessments
 - Provides results that can be used in conjunction with Florida's school accountability system
 - Requires technology parameters that are defined and can be supported, including appropriate accommodations for exceptional

School Accountability

Executive Order and Associated Documents

- Provide stability and clarity to the school accountability system during the transition to a new state assessment
 - No changes to the current school grading system during the transition, except those currently directed by existing statute or State Board of Education rule
- Resubmit ESEA waiver regarding ELL student achievement measures
- Recommendation changes that may require statute or rule revisions
 - Simplified, more transparent school grading system designed to promote college and career ready students using the new Florida Standards

School Accountability Transition

Transition to a simplified, more transparent school grading system designed to promote college and career ready students using the new Florida Standards:

- When Florida students take the new assessment for the first time, student performance level expectations (“cut scores”) will not yet exist
- Setting student performance level expectations first in the summer immediately following the first administration of the new assessment, allows for a new baseline calculation of School Grades in the fall, which truly reflects student performance on the new standards and assessment, not simply a statistical link back to old expectations
- This baseline, informational approach in the first year, provides everyone – parents, schools, districts, the general public – a clear understanding of a student’s and a school’s starting point on the new, more rigorous standards and assessments – **truth in advertising**
- It is this baseline performance that must be apparent and upon which schools must build to **improve the outcomes for all Florida students**

School Accountability Transition

School Grades

- The transition plan includes no interruption in current support to underperforming schools through our Differentiated Accountability teams
- There would be no new school turnaround options required for one year as a result of the 2014-15 baseline School Grades

School Accountability Revisions

Key considerations in transitioning to a simplified, more transparent School Grading System designed to promote college and career ready students using the new Florida Standards:

- Re-focus the School Grading formula on student success measures
 - Achievement
 - Learning gains
 - Graduation
- Include all students
- Ensure a focus on students who need the most support
- Avoid provisions that over-complicate the formula and muddle the meaning of a school grade (e.g., bonus factors, additional weighting, additional requirements, automatic adjustments, etc.)
- Ensure that the level of performance associated with an A-F school grade is transparently evident
 - Report A-F grades based on a percentage of points earned (e.g., 70%, 80%), rather than a point total
- After the baseline year, release grades for all schools in the summer at the same time

Teacher Evaluations

- Provide alignment with standard-setting processes in new school accountability system
- Clarify options for district student assessments to ensure best choices for students, which will support evaluations that are relevant for all teachers and evaluation systems that are sustainable
- Provide districts that are showing success with flexibility in deciding a portion of the student outcome data included in the evaluation

Data Security

Executive Order and Associated Documents

- Conduct a student data security review
 - Report was provided to the Governor
December 31, 2013
- Make recommendations for rule or statutory revisions
- Ensure no release of student education records without written consent of student or parent - except as authorized by state statute, federal law or subpoena/court order

Data Security

Student data security review

- All systems with student personal identifiable information (PII) have been identified and reviewed for security risks
- Third party security, Inspector General, security assessments completed
- Auditor General Assessment almost completed
- Security policies are being revised based on assessment findings and recommendations
- Possible agency security task force and an IT steering committee
- LBR funding has been requested for:
 - o Additional security monitoring services
 - o Infrastructure consolidation
 - o Re-writing legacy systems with security risks
- Developing a unique personal identifier called the Florida Education Identifier (FLEID) that will improve data security and accuracy

Data Security

Data Security Report – Released December 31st

- Legislative Recommendations:
 - Changes to s. 1002.22, F.S.
 - Notice to parents and students of rights
 - Prohibit collection of biometric information
 - Prohibit disclosure of student records except as authorized by state statute, federal law or subpoena/court order
 - Require designation of directory information at public meeting
- Additional Recommendations:
 - All systems under review to ensure the data fields being received or distributed comply with statutes
 - Improve or establish and support Data Governance, Project Governance, and Technology Standards
 - Encryption policy and procedures are being clarified and strengthened

Next Steps

- Standards
 - State Board review of public comments at January 21st meeting
 - Website open this month for public comments on revised Standards (open until February 18th SBOE meeting)
 - Face-to-face and web based public hearings January 14th
 - SBOE considers standards rule for adoption at February 18th meeting
- Assessments
 - ITN evaluation meeting Friday January 10th
 - Negotiations with eligible applicants follow
 - Commissioner makes assessment decision in March

THE FLORIDA SENATE
APPEARANCE RECORD

(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

01/08/14

Meeting Date

Topic Status of School Accountability Activities

Bill Number N/A

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Amendment Barcode N/A *(if applicable)*

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Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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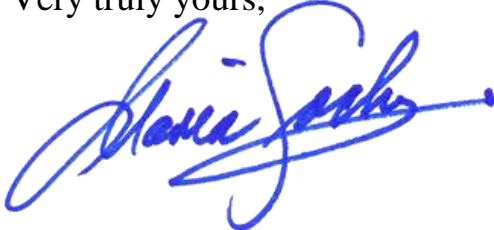
January 8, 2014

The Honorable John Legg
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Dear Chair Legg,

I will not be able to attend the Committee on Education meeting taking place at 1:00 PM on January 8th, 2014, due to unfavorable weather conditions and cancellation of my plane flight.

Very truly yours,



Senator Maria Sachs
District 34

CC: Theresa Klebacha, *Staff Director*

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10th District

January 8, 2014

Senator John Legg
316 Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Legg:

I would like to respectfully request to be excused from the Wednesday, January 8, 2014 meeting of Education Committee. I had an urgent business matter come up that requires me to stay in Orlando.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Simmons", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Simmons

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